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In re Application of
Michael Spratling
Application No. 10/663,367
Filed: September 15, 2003
For: ADHESIVE REMOVAL COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS OF USING SAME

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 20, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." Petitioner is advised that this is **not** a final agency action decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed November 19, 2004 which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The amendment submitted on January 18, 2005 did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2005. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed, and no extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 20, 2005.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof;

- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and
- (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (1) and (2) above.

As to item (1), petitioner has not submitted an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance. The required reply to the final Office action must be an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee, or a request for continued examination (RCE).

As to item (2), the fee for a petition to revive under the unintentional standard of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for a small entity is \$750. With the present petition, petitioner has only submitted \$250. Accordingly, a consideration on the merits of the present petition cannot be made until the \$500 fee deficiency is submitted to the Office.

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